

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 76, 78, and 79 are pending.

Claim 75 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,037,835 in view of Esmailzadeh et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,163,533.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 76 and 78 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

It is earnestly believed that the claims as previously presented are patentably distinguishable over Esmailzadeh et al. Nonetheless, in order to move the case forward, the claims will be amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter.

Claims 76 and 78 have been rewritten in independent form and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 79 has been amended to incorporate the same limitation as originally recited in claims 76 and 78. Claim 79 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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